

## **United States Department of the Interior**

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING

Reclamation and Enforcement P.O. Box 46667

IN REPLY REFER TO

Denver, Colorado 80201-6667

October 2, 2007

UT-0065

Joo 7/00 22

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining Coal Regulatory Program 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE:

Savage Services Corporation "Savage Coal Terminal" - Application for a Permit

Revision, Proposed New Conveyor, Task ID No. 2843

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGM) August 30, 2007, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, et seq. before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Proposed New Conveyor, has determined that it proposes to add revised text and plates to the approved permit application package to discuss the construction and operation of a new forty-eight inch by 650 foot long feed conveyor from south storage area to the clean coal stacking tube area at the Savage Coal Terminal, Utah State permit C/007/0022.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval.

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Proposed New Conveyor, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the August 30, 2007, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment. RECEIVED



OCT 1 0 2007

In an electronic submittal dated August 30, 2007, the U.S. Forest Service stated it had no comments or concerns with the application for a permit revision.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty-day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh

Manager, Northwest Branch

cc: BLM - Utah State Office BLM - Price Field Office USFS - Manti-La Sal NF Denver Field Division